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INCREASE IN BULGARIAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

CROPS, PLANTED AREA INCREASE -- Berlin, Aussenhandels Nachrichten, 29 Mar 52

Bulgarian agriculture has achieved major successes. In 1951, the average wheat crop was 40 percent larger than in 1950. The corn crop was 90 percent larger, the sunflower seed crop 50 percent larger, and the tobacco crop 40 percent larger than the year before.

Planted areas were increased considerably [in 19517, particularly those for industrial crops such as cotton, sugar beets, and hemp. The number of machine tractor stations increased from 95 to 115, and the volume of services rendered by these stations was doubled in comparison with the previous year.

Last year, a comprehensive program was carried out to consolidate the administrative structure of TKZS (farm workers' cooperatives), which increased in number from 240 to 2,740.

The government has set the objective of increasing agricultural production this year 14.7 percent.

MORE COTTON FLANTED -- Sofia. Rabotnichesko Delo, 15 May 52

This year, an area 7: percent larger than in 1944 will be planted with . cotton. The number of irrigated cotton fields will be 127 percent greater this year than in 1951.

TOBACCO CURING IN NEW FLANTS -- Berlin, Aussenhandels Nachrichten, 26 Mar 52

During 1951, six large curing plants for tobacco were planed in operation in Bulgarian tobacco producing centers. In these plants the time required for curing has been reduced from 7 - 8 months to 7 - 8 days. In 1951, tobacco was

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for the first time exported during the same year in which it was harvested. Preliminary work for the construction of nine additional tobacco curing plants was started in 1951. These plants will be equipped with machinery produced in Bulgaria.

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